

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

<p>DATE</p> <p>11-05-12</p>	<p>SUBJECT: Final Reading Ordinance No 2012-O-184</p> <p>Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinance in order to adopt the 2012 version of FIVE codes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amending Section 7-1 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Building Code; 2. Amending Section 7-4 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Mechanical Code; 3. Amending Section 7-7 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Residential Code except for Section R313.2 One and Two Family Dwelling Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems. Which is prohibited by state law SB1410 Section 12, which became law on September 1, 2009; 4. Amending Section 7-8 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code; 5. Amending section 7-10 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Existing Building Code; <p>And providing for an effective date.</p>
<p>INITIATED BY: Horacio de Leon, Jr. Assistant City Manager</p>	<p>STAFF SOURCE: Erasmio A. Villarreal Director of Building Development Services</p>
<p>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: On October 15, 2012 the City Council held a public hearing and introductory ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinance of the City of Laredo</p> <p>The 2009 edition of the International Code relating to building and mechanical were adopted on</p>	
<p>BACKGROUND: International Code Council (ICC) updates the building and related codes approximately every three years. It also publishes standards, which if adopted, provide additional guidance in the regulation of structure and development. It is the city practice to review the newest edition of the International Codes and to update the adopted versions.</p>	
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>STAFF RECOMMENDATION;</p> <p>Staff recommends approval</p>

ORDINANCE NO 2012-O-184

AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE 2012 VERSION OF FIVE CODES:

- 1. AMENDING SECTION 7-1 BY ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE;**
- 2. AMENDING SECTION 7-4 BY ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE;**
- 3. AMENDING SECTION 7-7 BY ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE EXCEPT FOR SECTION R313.2 ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLING AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, WHICH IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW SB1410 SECTION 12, WHICH BECAME LAW ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2009;**
- 4. AMENDING SECTION 7-8 BY ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE;**
- 5. AMENDING SECTION 7-10 BY ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE;**

AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2009, by Ordinance No. 2009-O-159 the City Council adopted the 2009 edition of the International Building Code, the International Mechanical Code, and the International Residential Code; the International Property Maintenance Code, the International Energy Code and the International Existing Building Code; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 editions of those codes are now recommended for adoption; and

WHEREAS, these codes are designed to secure the public health and safety through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazard attributable to the built environment, including alternation, repair, removal, demolition, use, and occupancy of building structures, or premises by regulating the installation and maintenance of all buildings, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2012 editions of the said five codes, namely, the International Building Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwelling, the International Property Maintenance Code, and the International Existing Building Code will facilitate comprehensive inspection activities by the Building Development Service Department of City of Laredo relating to construction and to maintenance of buildings within the City of Laredo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Part 1: Section 7-1. Code-Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the City Council the (2009) 2012 edition of the International Building Code as published by the International Code Council and is hereby adopted as the Code of the City of Laredo, of which one copy is filed in the office of Building Development Services Department and designated as the Building Code.

Part 2: Section 7-4. Mechanical Code - Adopted

There is hereby adopted by the City Council the (2009) 2012 edition of the International Mechanical Code of which one copy is filed in the office of Building Development Services Department and designated as the Mechanical Code.

Part 3: Section 7-7. Dwelling Code

There is hereby adopted by the City Council the (2009) 2012 edition of the International Residential Code of which one copy is filed in the office of Building Development Services Department and designated as the Dwelling Code, except for Section R313.2 One and Two Family Dwelling Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems, which is prohibited by state law SB1410 Section 12, which became law on September 1, 2009

The following sections of the *International Residential Code* are modified to be specifically tailored to the City of Laredo;

**Section R313
AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**

Section R313.2 is deleted.

~~(Section R313.2 One and two family dwelling automatic fire systems. An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in one and two family dwellings.)~~

~~**Exception:** An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall not be required for additions or alteration to existing building that are not already provided with an automatic residential sprinkler system.~~

Part 4: Section 7-8. International Property Maintenance Code - Adopted

There is hereby adopted by the City Council the (2009) 2012 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code of which one copy is filed in the office of Building Development Services Department and designated as the International Property Maintenance Code.

Part 5: Section 7-10. International Existing Building Code - Adopted

There is hereby adopted by the City Council the (2009) 2012 edition of the International Existing Building Code of which one copy is filed in the office of Building Development Services Department and designated as the International Existing Building Code.

Part 6: This ordinance shall take effect after publication in accordance with the requirement of

Section 2.09(D) of the Charter

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS

5th DAY OF November, 2012.



RAUL G. SALINAS

MAYOR

ATTEST:



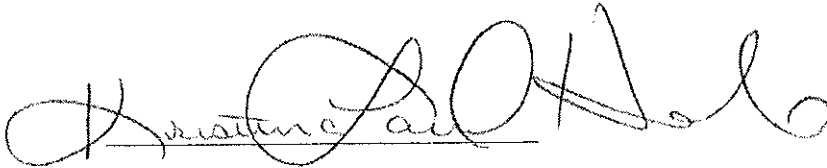
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